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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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### **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held On Monday, August 10, 2009 in the Sybil Brand Conference Room 372, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Duba called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Duba  
Commissioner Creary  
Commissioner Gallegos  
Commissioner Gravely  
Commissioner Jernigan  
Commissioner Lesser  
Commissioner Rodriguez  
Commissioner Ward

Introduction of audience followed.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2009**

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and duly carried, with Commissioner Lesser abstaining, the minutes of July 13, 2009 were approved.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Duba reported the following:

- The Women's Commission Annual Retreat will take place at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels following the Commission meeting.
- Congratulated Commissioner Lesser for the completion of the 2006-2008 Commission for Women Status Report.
- July 16, 2009, attended the "Health Fitness Screening" organized by the Antelope Valley YMCA and Kaiser Permanente.

#### **MEMBERS**

Reiko Duba  
*President*

Bobbi Jean Tanberg  
*Vice President*

Yolanda Becerra-Jones  
*Treasurer*

Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D.  
Norma L. Gallegos  
Wadie M. Gravely  
Ruth Jernigan  
Charlotte Lesser  
Julie McCarthy Napoleon  
Janet Elliot Mummey, Esq.  
Michelle Pinedo  
Olivia G. Rodriguez  
Veda E. Ward, Ph.D.

- August 3, 2009, attended the following committee meetings: Older Women's Issues and the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Run for Health 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run.
- August 4, 2009, attended a meeting with Ms. Kiem Yang Tan, Antelope Valley Captain, California Alliance for Retired Americans, regarding older women's issues impacting the citizens and the community of the Antelope Valley. Ms. Tan was pleased to hear the Commission for Women is focused on older women's issue.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Rhonda Rangel, Commission Service Staff, reported the following:

- On July 1, 2009, the City consolidated the following three departments; Commission for Children Youth and Their Families, Commission on the Status of Women and Human Relations Commission to support the work of the Human Services Department.
- Distributed an Executive Summary of the Estimated Impact to the County Fiscal Year 2009-10 Final Revised State Budget sent by the Chief Executive Office.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Interim Treasurer Creary reported the following on the expendable allowance for the month of July 2009. The beginning balance was \$18,386.58; flex spending expenditures were \$0.00 and July spending balance is \$3,064.42. Report filed with Commission Services.

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.)

### **ELECTION FOR VACANT TREASURER POSITION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

President Duba opened the floor for nomination for Treasurer, there being none, the nominations were closed. President Duba nominated Commissioner Becerra-Jones for the vacant Treasurer position for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

On motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Lesser and unanimously carried, Commissioner Becerra-Jones was elected as Treasurer for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

**DISCUSSION AND APROVAL TO PURCHASE ONE TICKET FOR THE REMOVING THE MASK BENEFIT-PAVE (PROMOTING AWARENESS VICTIM EMPOWERMENT) ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$135**

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Lesser with an amendment by Commissioner Gravely, seconded by Commissioner Lesser and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the purchase of two tickets for the "Removing the Mask Benefit-PAVE" not to exceed the amount of \$270.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO DONATE \$1,000 FOR THE 2009 WOMEN IN PAIN CONFERENCE HOSTED BY FOR GRACE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009**

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Lesser and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the donation of \$1,000 for the 2009 Women in Pain Conference.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TWO TICKETS FOR THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AFMLA SALUTE TO CHAMPIONS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500**

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Creary and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the purchase of two tickets not to exceed the amount of \$500.

**UPDATE ON THE 5K RUN/WALK AND 10K RUN**

Commissioner Lesser reported the following:

- The committee met July 6, 2009 to discuss the details of the 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run. The event will take place October 31, 2009 at Dockweiler Beach, Playa del Rey. Location for early packet pick-up has been identified and will be announced at a later date.
- The Committee is looking into reaching out to local communities and running clubs from Santa Monica through Palos Verdes and schools from the local area. Health screenings and massages will be provided at the day of the event. Commissioner Lesser further stated that title sponsors are needed and to submit sponsors names to her. The Committee is scheduled to meet September 14.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS AS NEEDED**

The following was reported:

- **Communications** – None reported.
- **Legislation** – Commissioner Jernigan reported that she attended a few rallies regarding homecare cuts for seniors.
- **Health** – Commissioner Lesser reported the Health Committee met today and established the calendar for the remainder of the year. She mentioned the State Legislature has an Assembly Bill which will require digital mammography screening to be covered when analog mammography services are not available from the provider, to be reimbursed at the Medi-Cal analog rate. The Committee is in the process of developing a letter to present to the Commission. Information about the bill will be forthcoming. The Committee also discussed extended work in exercise and nutrition information for older women. In October, the Committee will complete a “Healthy Living” book mark. The next meeting will be scheduled sometime in October.
- **Domestic Violence** – Commissioner Rodriguez reported that Domestic Violence Shelters have experienced 20% reduction in their funding and fifty-two staff members were let go. Two of the shelters are not providing meals and child care services. She will provide the list of reductions to the Commissioners via e-mail. The Committee is scheduled to meet at a future date.
- **Education** – Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported that the Scholarship Survey report has not been finalized. The Committee is scheduled to meet August 11.
- **Older Women’s Issues Committee** – Commissioner Gravely reported the Committee met on August 3, 2009 to discuss the “Women’s Conference”.

(Commissioner Pinedo joined the meeting at 10:50 a.m.)

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was none.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Creary reported the following:

- Attended the National Medical Association/Auxiliary Meeting at the Mandalay Bay Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada on July 24-23, 2009.
- July 26, 2009, attended luncheon regarding "Concerns of Women in Medicine". Guest speaker was Actress Angela Bassett.
- July 28, 2009, attended Prostate Cancer/Prostate Health Workshop. Guest speakers were: Brian Stone, M.D., Ron Anderson, M.D., and Raymond Wynn, M.D.
- July 29, 2009, attended a meeting with Wilbert Jordan, M.D., Jennifer Williams, HIV/Aids, and Sharon Allison-Ottey, M.D.
- July 30, 2009, participated in the installation ceremony of Judge Morrison, 71<sup>st</sup> president of the ANMA in Austin Texas.

### **MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)**

There was none.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

### **ATTENDANCE**

### **COMMISSIONERS**

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Yolanda Becerra-Jones, Treasurer  
Charlotte Lesser  
Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D.  
Veda Ward, Ph.D.  
Wadie Gravely  
Olivia Rodriguez  
Ruth Jernigan  
Michelle Pinedo  
Norma Gallegos

**EXCUSED**

Bobbi Jean Tanberg, Vice President  
Julie McCarthy Napoleon  
Janet Elliot Mummey, Esq.

**UNEXCUSED**

None

**COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

Rhonda Rangel  
Mireya Rivera  
Emma De Jesus  
Audra Galang  
Elaine Rodriguez, Los Angeles County Office of Affirmative Action and Compliance  
Reyna Lopez Mendoza, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

**GUESTS**

Sonia Demessie, California Women's Commission on Addictions  
Pat Wilson  
Rose Borja